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Lucy Gray cooked up some hearty soup at a wellness workshop that put emphasis on ways to maintain overall health at any age
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Eleanor Harrison, on landfill site's future,
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Fun Philanthropy:

A group of masked bowlers take a break from their games. The 23rd annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser raised \$11,240 from the contributions of 250 participants who bowled, outfitted with masks and costume jewelry at the Haliburton County Bowling Centre and Carnarvon Bowl & Billiard on Saturday, March 1. The event is a national initiative of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

Deer to get food aid as winter drags on

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

Deer will start getting a little respite from the cold, snowy winter now that the Ministry of Natural Resources has approved an emergency deer feeding program.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association has purchased 10 tonnes of a mix

of corn and oats, with another 14 tonnes expected to arrive this week.

Last week, MNR area biologist Gerry Moraal flew over the Highlands to find out where the deer were congregating, and therefore determining where best to distribute the food.

"There's no sense dropping food off in the middle of nowhere," he said on Friday.

As well as being spotted at their regular deer yards, many deer were found along the Highway 35 corridor in Stanhope where people have been feeding deer on their own. There are also deer congregating near Drag Lake east of Haliburton.

The HHOA says it will provide some feed to assist these private individuals as well as
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Cookie caper: Girl Guide Cookies go missing at The Times

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff



It didn't take long to get to the bottom of the story. I had been on vacation for a week of rest and relaxation, away from the hustle and bustle of the newsroom, only to find upon my return that anarchy had taken over *The Times* office.

Rules had been broken, order had been annihilated...the office staff had morphed into mini monsters walking around town leaving only crumbs in their wake.

Faces were reveling with guilt, people were avoiding eye contact with me and to make things worse...no one was talking. Wait, let me rephrase that, no one was talking to me. A crime had been committed, I just wasn't sure exactly what had taken place in my absence. I put on my detective hat to get to the bottom of why everyone was acting so strangely.

All I kept hearing was "I couldn't resist." "I couldn't help myself." "They made me do it." "I thought we were supposed to eat them."

Finally I heard the key phrase inadvertently uttered under Managing Editor Martha Perkins' breath, as her eyes dart from my disapproving glare. I didn't catch the full sentence but I heard three words clearly. Martha said "Girl Guide Cookies."

Suddenly the dark clouds were lifted, and I was beginning to piece together what had transpired while I was away... See page 3

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For the rest of the week – and even for the rest of the month – people are invited to drop off old hockey equipment as part of Wayne Gretzky's Hockey Equipment Drive. The former NHLer wants to make sure that every child who wants to play hockey can afford to do so. With costs putting the game out of reach for some kids, he's encouraging people to help out by donating hockey equipment they no longer need.

Ridgewood Ford is on Hwy 35 in Minden.

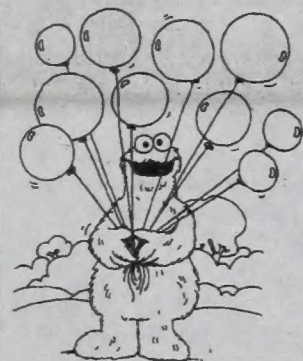
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Pancake Tuesday

Pat Woodcroft was the master of the spatula last week, as the main pancake chef for Pancake Tuesday at St. Paul Church in Minden. Residents from around town stopped in at the church for a taste of the pancakes and sausages to mark the day before lent begins. Needless to say the ladies making the dinner also took some time to sample the pancake fare.

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Martha Perkins
"I can't control myself!"



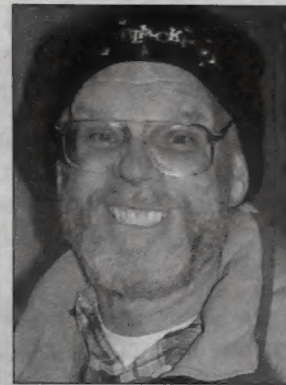
Len Pizzey
"It's not my fault."



Donna Jennings
"I love chocolate."



Deb Deremo
"I'm sorry Allison."



Bill Beers
"I'm a cookie monster."



Ron Crowley
"I have no comment."

Six guilty in cookie caper



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Allison Taylor
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and leaves no crumb
or victim unturned

Let me take you back a few weeks. Girl Guide cookie season was upon us and the word on the street was that after 40 years of Guides devoting themselves to selling Nabisco/Christie brand of Girl Guide Cookies, the Guides had changed the cookie and found a new manufacturer with a Canadian company - Dare. In other words the flavour and the packaging was going to change. As a reporter my first thought was, 'this is a great story idea.'

Times Managing Editor, Martha Perkins, thought it was a fantastic idea.

A call to Debra Whyte, a leader with the First Minden Brownies, confirmed the rumours were true, and while she herself had yet to sample the new flavour of the good ole' chocolate and vanilla cookie combination, Whyte promised to bring me a box of the new cookies, and a box of the old cookies, so I could conduct a scientific taste test within the community. My story was coming together, I just needed some patience to wait for the goods to arrive.

"The old cookies are in my freezer," Whyte warned, but said that they would still make an interesting taste comparison, as long as testers knew of their once frozen status.

Now it is important to mention at this key point in the investigation, that food in the *Times* office is a free for all. People who work here love to eat, they especially prefer to sink their teeth into anything with sugar in it. I think it is also fair to say that self-control is not part of the equation. People have been known to ingest (and I won't name any names here Martha) 10 cookies in one sitting. The joke around the office is that if you want to keep something safe (ie: not eaten) then you have to give it to me. As the resident vegetarian and extremely picky eater of the office, I don't tend to eat the cookies, muffins and cakes commonly consumed at the office. If there are vegetables within a five metre radius, you're in trouble, but as far as the other stuff goes, I'm just not interested. Some say it's a fault.

Now, fast forward to my vacation week.

Whyte graciously drops off two boxes of Girl Guide Cookies. I wasn't sure when they were coming but was so impressed that she remembered my humble request. When Whyte passed the sealed boxes to Advertising Sales Representative Donna Jennings, she provided clear

instructions that the cookies were intended for "Allison Taylor's taste test."

Jennings placed the cookies beside the register at the front desk, she says, where they remained unopened for several days.

"I joked when [Whyte] dropped them off because I knew [Allison] wouldn't eat the cookies," Jennings said.

(Note, Jennings failed to put the cookies in the safety zone - on my desk. One would suspect that she had ulterior motives, but she isn't talking.)

Eating my story

On Friday, which I will admit is a rather hectic day at the office, the cookie caper took full form.

A typical Friday sees the advertising department going about putting together ads and creating the mocked-up version of the newspaper. Meanwhile the office is buzzing with never-ending (but well appreciated) phone calls and customers and the editorial department (Jer and I) has deadlines looming and suddenly life is just a little more serious. During this time of unrest and stress, staffers (at least some of them) find themselves eating uncontrollably.

Perkins has been known to make herself sick eating anything and everything that is within her reach. "They can be long days," Perkins says, "I usually get the munchies."

Times Publisher Len Pizzey, who is a chocolate and cookie junkie, walked into the office on this particular Friday, and his eyes immediately fell upon the Girl Guide Cookies. It's almost like he has tunnel vision. If there is anything sweet in the office, Pizzey is on top of it like white on rice.

"I was told they were for a taste test," he says, trying to appear innocent, "it was my understanding that the *Times* staff was supposed to do a taste test." (He says this, but he never asked a single soul).

Pizzey promptly, and without permission, took the cookies under his arm from the front office, similar to a thief trying to get to the getaway car, raced back into the office kitchen and ripped the packages open calling all

office staff to "mange, mange."

At that point, gloves were off. People forgot their loyalty to my cause and to my craft and they just started devouring the cookies. No one took notes, no one took photos, no one followed any kind of scientific survey. It was chaotic cookie eating. They were eating my story and they just didn't care.

"I can't resist cookies," Pizzey said.

As Lori Reynolds, sales representative with the *Times* says, "he's the boss, he told us to eat so everyone ate."

People knew they were doing wrong, as demonstrated by the extreme guilt they experienced afterwards, but not a single person put a halt to the travesty of justice. Not a single person said, 'maybe we should wait for Allison to come back.' Not a single person thought that the crumbs all over their faces would eventually tell the tale and reveal their backstabbing behaviour.

The innocent versus the guilty

When I heard Perkins say 'Girl Guide Cookies,' I automatically envisioned what had happened.

I thought to myself, the piggies at the office have struck again. The worst part is that half of them are on diets, so in an ideal world the cookies should've been secure. Or then again, maybe it was my first mistake. I suppose the lesson that has been learned is that nothing is safe when Girl Guide Cookies are involved.

Admittedly, Pizzey led the charge and managed to scarf around six of the cookies from both boxes. Jennings, who wasn't far behind the cookie count, inhaled (with full pleasure) about four cookies.

Bill Beers, the office intellect, ate four cookies, a combination of old and new.

Perkins didn't actually get her paws into the cookies until the Saturday, but she of all people, who knew about my story, knew better. She lost count after the first four.

Office Administrator Deb Deremo, ate three chocolate cookies on the Monday, until she got a phone call from yours truly asking her to put boxes on my desk. She then tried to avoid me for the rest of the day.

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The Innocent...



Lori Reynolds
"I'm a good girl. I do what Allison says."



Jerry Grozelle
"Allison is the best reporter I've ever met."



Donna Brohm
"It was hard, but I made the right choice."



Buffy Noble
"I knew it was wrong."

Girl Guide Cookies are 'too good' to leave alone

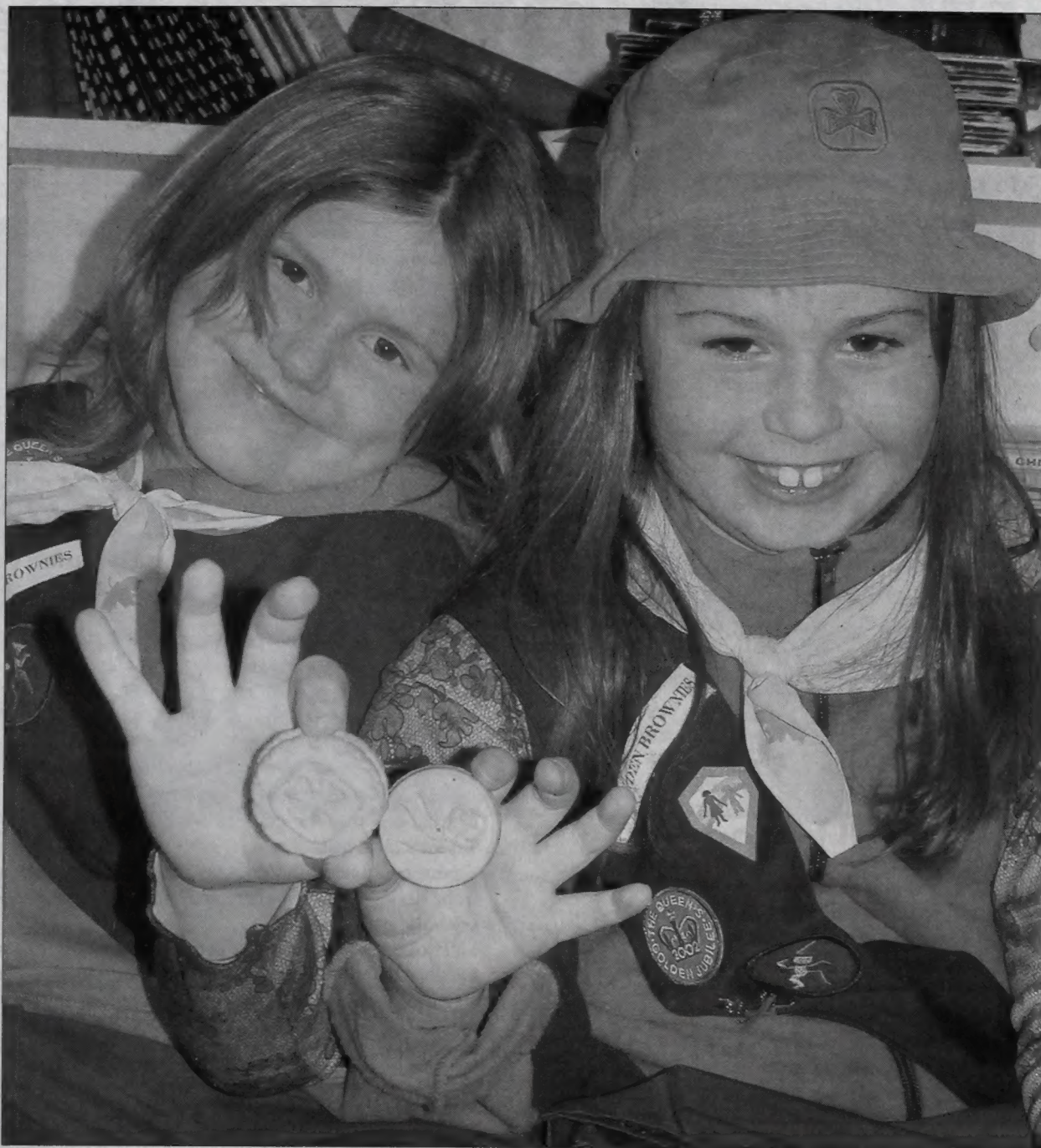
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Not all is lost though. Dieters Reynolds, Donna Brohm and Buffy Noble managed to abstain from the cookie caper. Editor Jerry Grozelle also avoided controversy and stayed away from the Girl Guide Cookies. "I knew the cookies were for Allison's story and I wanted to support her and stay on her good side," Grozelle said. "Allison is a fantastic reporter and I didn't want to interfere with her formidable researching abilities." (A wise, wise man he is).

So here ends my tale of grief and of cookie monsters in Minden. The case is that I really don't have a story, I am just making the office staff suffer and wallow in their guilt for thinking with their tummies. While they didn't show any allegiance to me, they did prove one thing - Girl Guide cookies are too good to leave unopened, whether they are brand new or had been sitting in the freezer for the past year. I also learned that most people have loyalty to either the chocolate or to the vanilla - not usually both. I wouldn't know, all the cookies were gone by the time I got back. So, I didn't get my scientific cookie comparison with highly respected members of the community, but I did get a group full of cookie monsters who probably made the whole experience much more memorable.

"Mental note," Jennings adds, "don't leave food at the Times."

Girl Guide cookies are available for \$4 a box, and are the main fundraising initiative for the girls.



Allison Taylor/TIMES

It's time for Girl Guide Cookie season again. Ashley Cooper and Alana Bannister are ready to sell, sell, sell. On the left is the old version of the vanilla cookie, while the newer version gives it a run for its money on the right.

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Three years disappear at landfill site

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during the March 6 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

One year was the equivalent of three years of garbage at the Hawk Lake landfill site.

The township discovered that at the end of 2001 the life expectancy of the landfill was estimated to be 11 years, but at the end of 2002 the life expectancy was down to eight years.



Eleanor Harrison

not a lot of time."

Chief Administrative Officer Gerald Bain said that the major factors are an increase in the volume of traffic, proportionate to the volume of waste being dumped. There was an increase in the amount of recyclables as well, Bain added.

"I can't understand it," he said.

Possible ways to increase the landfill's lifespan were to consider the amount of fill being used and to provide more regular maintenance.

"The municipality can't do much about traffic volume," Bain said.

Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone said that 2001 could just be an anomaly.

"Maybe there were more cottagers up here. Maybe September 11 made more people want to stay at the cottage longer," Whetstone said.

Council adopted the report and will transfer two copies to the Ministry of the Environment, as required by the certificate of approval.

Water testing

Algonquin Highlands is going to volunteer to be an additional site for people who want to drop off water samples to be tested by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Health Unit is considering approximately three additional sites within Haliburton County. Right now residents in

the county can only take well water samples to the Health Unit office in Haliburton. Residents do, however, pick up empty bottles at the township office.

"Some people have indicated there is a need for more drop off sites throughout the county. Since the Health Unit is encouraging home owners to take advantage of this service, we are willing to assist with the expansion of this service, and to make it more accessible to all residents of the area," said Anne Alexander, Health Unit director environmental health, in a letter to council.

Alexander said the Health Unit would provide locations with required equipment and staff training.

Councillor Kerry Lock was impressed with the proposal.

"It would be a great thing for water testing," she said.

Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed said that many Dorset-area residents take water samples to Hunstville, and suggested that the Algonquin Highlands township office would be a good place for an additional site. He also expressed concerns about the extra strain it would have on the township staff.

"We will have to see how it works and ask for more information," Harrison said.

Trillium Funding

With new guidelines on applications for funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in place, the township is making sure all its ducks are in a row before application deadline approaches.

Bain briefly outlined a few of the changes for council. For example, there is only a certain amount of money available for each catchment area. That money is allocated on a per-capita funding format. Bain says there is only about \$125,000 for all of Haliburton County.

"So we need to be realistic in the amount of money we are asking for," he said, adding that partnerships with other community groups will make applications stronger and carry more weight.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison told councillors that the township would be under strict deadlines once the applications are available, and she recommended that council be as prepared as possible.

Possible projects for Algonquin Highlands include: Stanhope tennis court resurfacing, museums and a wheelchair lift for the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Council decided to throw its support behind the wheelchair lift this year, and to start collecting information for the application process.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation awards grants to fund operating, project

and/or capital costs.

Assistant CBO

The hiring committee for an assistant bylaw/chief building official is almost ready to start interviewing.

"We got some good applications," Bain said.

Bain, along with Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed and CBO James Moore will sit on the hiring committee. Each has selected six to eight applications and they will meet together this week to make a short-list.

Derelict building

Council will pay about \$1,600 for a run-down and abandoned cottage to be demolished and removed from Sherborne.

The building, which has been a concern for the past few months, will be taken apart and moved to a different location to be burned.

Shortreed, who drove out on a snowmobile last week to look at the property, said there are too many trees close to the building so lighting a fire there could prove risky.

No date has been set for the destruction of the building.

Emergency Coordinator

Airport Manager John Packer will take on some extra duties at the township, as he has officially be named the alternate emergency coordinator. Bain is the coordinator.

There is only one glitch. The training courses run throughout the summer months, which is traditionally a busy time for the airport.

Algonquin Highlands is trying to arrange for Packer to attend another four-day course this month.

"We have no choice, we have to have an assistant," Harrison said.

Airport

The 2003 Annual Conference for the Community Airports Group Co-op could be heading to the Highlands in early October.

Packer is tentatively looking for accommodations for the 20 to 25 airport professionals from nearby community airports. He suggested the Delta Pinestone Resort as a possible location, but added that he was still comparing prices for the two-day conference.

He asked if the township could pick up

the tab for lunch for the group, at a cost of about \$300.

Packer also recommended that Aviation Week, proposed for September 29 to October 5, coincide with the conference.

"It's a great way to put the township on the map," Packer said. "It will help to make people more aware of the airport and what it has to offer."

Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone said there hasn't been much of a change in his department.

"It's basically a carbon copy of the past few weeks," he said. "We plow and sand."

The township has agreed to pay approximately \$30,000 to repair the engine in Dorset's 1994 crawler loader.

The loader is still in good shape, once the engine is replaced, Whetstone said.

With increasing expenditures on the horizon for the township's aging fleet of trucks and equipment, council has temporarily put on hold a \$19,305 expenditure (tax not included) for a radio communications system for department.

Harrison said she knows that there is a definite need for a communication system, but that the township needs to wait to take a look at the completed 2002 audit to make sure there is enough money to go around.

"We need another two weeks to a month to officially place an order," Harrison said, asking Whetstone to be patient.

"We need to look at the broader picture first."

Lagoon concerns

The township has received two letters from concerned property owners on Kushog Lake in regards to the proposed septage lagoon at Pine Springs.

In both letters, the property owners expressed concerns about a possible seepage of septage into Kushog Lake, and also about decreasing property values.

Harrison said it was difficult to provide answers to the two letters because the township still doesn't know what it is doing.

The township is waiting for an environmental assessment to be conducted at the Pine Springs landfill site, a possible location for the septage lagoon.

"We're all frustrated by this delay because it seems to have gone on for so long," Harrison said.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A fond farewell

It is always a difficult time when a member of the family decides to leave the nest and move on to accept new challenges in a different location. Most families face that fact at one time or another.

We, at *The Times*, and our extended family at *The Echo*, are coming to grips with that reality. A popular member of our family has decided to accept a new challenge and will soon be moving to the GTA. Although we've known her for only about 15 months, she has earned a special place in our hearts.

She brought not only a strong work ethic and an infectious enthusiasm for the job to *The Times* and *The Echo*, but her sense of humour and bubbly personality enhanced the atmosphere around this family's home away from home.

Her sense of humour was tested when her by-line appeared (by mistake) over a first-person account by a male contributor about his prostate problems. She endured many a snide remark, not only from the immediate family, but from some of her contacts in the community, as well. In spite of her embarrassment, she took the incident in stride and managed to refrain from any form of retaliation against the perpetrator of the misplaced by-line. (At least Martha hasn't admitted to suffering any retribution at the hands of the "young woman with the prostate problem.")

More recently, there was the "cookie caper," which you can read about in this week's edition of *The Times*. Briefly, she spent several weeks rounding up a box of last year's Girl Guide cookies from someone's freezer, to be compared via taste test to this year's new version. Leaving for a week's vacation, she left explicit instructions that the two boxes of cookies were not to be touched before she returned to conduct a scientific gustatory sampling by a panel of appropriate Girl Guide cookie experts. Alas, Publisher Len Pizzezy failed to comply fully with the instructions, inadvertently removing the two boxes of cookies from their secure location in the front office. He placed them on the counter in a locale generally regarded as the lunch area, whereupon they were opened and sampled in a decidedly unscientific manner by a number of family members whom she didn't regard as Girl Guide cookie experts. She was horrified when she returned from her vacation. Not only were the vanilla cookies reduced to a small fraction of the original number, hardly enough for a meaningful study, but all that remained of the chocolate cookies was a few crumbs. At first, she failed to see the humour and lamented the fact that her carefully orchestrated experiment had been ruined. But, putting her ingenuity to the test, she managed to get the story, if not exactly as she had envisioned.

We all knew that she would eventually move on. The chances of her fiancé finding employment in his chosen field within Haliburton County seemed unlikely, so a move to a larger centre seemed the logical thing for her to do. But it wasn't expected this soon.

The fact that it was inevitable doesn't make it any easier for us or for her.

This Saturday, when the March 17 edition of *The Times* is assembled and ready to be sent to the printer, we will bid farewell and wish Allison and her future husband Dave all the best for a happy and successful life together.

We will expect them to return occasionally to visit and with the convenience of e-mail, we expect to be in contact on a regular basis. jg

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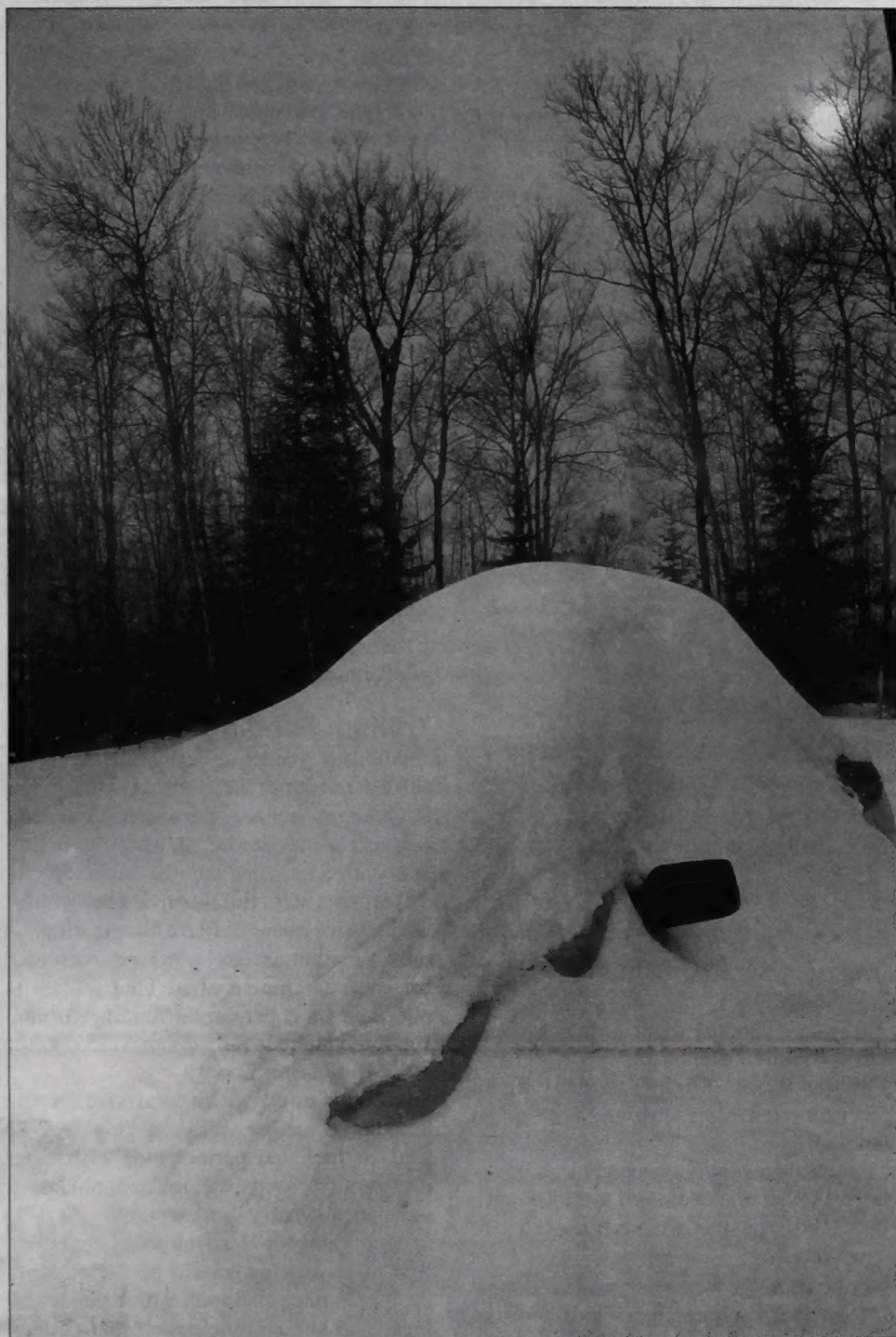
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Snowed under

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Noise bylaw too broad

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to the administration office of Minden Hills regarding the proposed noise bylaw, with a copy forwarded to *The Times* as a letter to the Editor.

You are absolutely nuts. This is another case where there is a problem – that being excessive noise after midnight to 6 a.m., caused by partying. That was the only type of problem that was presented to council and it was, and is, legitimate. I know, I live across the river from those who caused the problem and next door to the newcomer and part-time resident who raised this issue. The noise makers and complainant both arrived at the same time in August of 2002. Like most problems, they tend to feed off each other. When did council or the police have a major problem before these newcomers arrived? I would guess periodically but seldom, and mostly long weekend par-

tyers. This, then, is the problem to deal with.

A bylaw so wide and unrestricted can, and will, be subject to any and all forms of interpretation. The end result will be complaints and problems that were never a problem before.

Who complained about contractors starting work early on a 32 degree day? That's right, no one. When my neighbour had his roof replaced early in the morning, there were no complaints, but now my roof is being replaced. (This is an example of a hot job where you want to start early and get off the roof.). Neighbours could complain. What nonsense.

Now you have made anything that could be construed by a person to be noise, a violation of the noise bylaw and our neighbour will now be able to call the police on anyone at any time of the day, even myself, when we have family visiting and are noisy and boisterous with our horseshoe tourney

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

In the forest, size does matter

I don't know about you, but nuts fascinate me. Whether hanging precariously beneath a sturdy limb or nestled lifelessly against a withered root, they're something that we all notice but few bother to comment on. And though not exactly pretty, if you think about it, nuts play a major role in our lives.

That's why I was intrigued to learn of a recent study that confirmed that there's a biological advantage to having big nuts. Whether oak, beech, hickory or walnut, researchers now say that trees bearing big nuts tend to be more successful in reproduction.

Why? Well, they've discovered that larger nuts tend to drop first. I suppose this is because they sway more violently during high winds. This is something that I've noticed myself. Combined with gravity's pull, it makes their descent inevitable. In any case, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that there are several advantages to freeing your nuts

from the tree as quickly as possible. Think about it. Once your nuts hit the ground, they get noticed. And if they are noticed, nut fanciers from all over the forest will gather round to partake in the bounty.

Arborists, who routinely compare and handle hundreds and hundreds of nuts, say this makes all the difference in the world. Squirrels, birds, deer and the like gather these early-dropping nuts. And, they've discovered, larger nuts get scattered further than smaller ones. Of course, the further the seed gets scattered, the better the odds of reproductive success.

In addition, scientists noted that large nuts are preferred over small nuts every time. The one proviso is that they have to clear the tree and hit the

ground because simply landing in any old crotch won't do. Surprisingly, larger nuts tend to be forgotten quicker by those woodland creatures who handled them, allowing an opportunity to germinate.

Of course, science like this doesn't just happen. Before coming to these groundbreaking conclusions, a team of researchers literally watched hundreds of nuts. Big ones, small ones, prickly ones, fuzzy ones, hanging low or hanging high – all these were observed with a scientific detachment. I don't imagine that it was an easy thing to do.

As you would expect, they found that the whole process isn't that simple either. While big nuts are generally good, researchers determined that bigger is bet-

ter only up to a point. Too large, and they become unwieldy and difficult to manipulate. Huge nuts, as you might have guessed, hit the ground with a resounding thud and often bury themselves in the duff. It goes without saying that this doesn't do the owner any good, especially if they hit a rock and crack. To take advantage of the reproductive power of those huge nuts, they need to be in tact and out there on display.

So what does all this mean to amateur wood lot enthusiasts? Not a whole lot I guess. You either have big nuts or you don't. Either way, you must play with the hand you are dealt. And this is not meant to say that those with small nuts should despair either. Like everything in nature, it's all relative.

Next time you're lucky enough to have a nut in your hand, big or small, take a moment to appreciate one of nature's little wonders. Without it, the bush would be a barren place.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Anyone heard from Chicken Little?

Back in the bad old days of mining, when underpaid workers crawled and scrambled through underground shafts with pickaxes and carbon-arc headlamps, the mine owners didn't spend a lot of time or money improving the air those miners were breathing. So the miners were forced to look out for themselves and they came up with an ingenious method of monitoring the underground air quality. They took down canaries in cages. Why canaries? Because the miners didn't have to watch them; they could hear them. Canaries sing pretty well all the time. When they're happy.

Canaries' songs change or stop completely when they're distressed or frightened. Or when the atmosphere around them turns threatening. Thus, canaries could tell when trouble was 'in the air', long before the miners would become aware of it.

There's a school of thought that says we could learn a lot more from animals, if only we could decode the messages they're sending us. What do we make for instance of the swarm of frogs that recently surrounded a home in Double Bay, Australia?

As near as anyone can figure, the frogs were drawn by the cries of a newborn child. Hours after baby Gwen Notley came home from the hospital, the frogs started showing up in the front yard. "By the end of the week, there were millions

of frogs on our porch," says Gwen's father, Rourke.

Scientists were flummoxed. Maybe the baby's cries sounded like a frog mating call? The Nottleys finally moved to a frog-free suburb of Sydney.

Here in Canada, we almost didn't have a Groundhog Day on February 2nd – due to an alarming shortage of groundhogs in Ontario. For years, believers have crouched around a groundhog hole near Wiarton, Ontario on February 2nd to see if 'Warton Willie' would see his shadow or not – legend being that if he does, we're in for another six weeks of winter. (Or is it if he DOESN'T see his shadow? Doesn't matter. It's just a photo op for newspapers and an excuse to have a few beers.)

The point is, there has never in all the years of Groundhog Day observing, been a problem with finding a groundhog. I grew up in a rural Ontario that had a lot of shortages – but never of groundhogs. Just about every farmer's field had a resident groundhog or two – sometimes whole colonies of them. And the rural roadsides were festooned with the remains of some of the slower ones. But in recent years, Ontario's groundhog

population has nose-dived and no one is absolutely certain why.

Over in England, they're less worried about mineshaft canaries singing than the fact that they can't hear the chirp of a simple house sparrow. It wasn't long ago that the little grey and brown bird was considered a pest in British cities, towns and countryside. Now it's almost disappeared.

"The population has fallen by 99 per cent since 1980" says ornithologist Denise Summers-Smith. "This is almost extinction." So what's causing the virtual obliteration of a feisty little bundle of feathers that survived the Blitz, air pollution, British house cats AND the music of Herman's Hermits?

Then there are the penguins at the San Francisco zoo. Forty-six of them.

They've been lazing around on the banks of their pond in the penguin enclosure for the past five years, preening their feathers and waiting for their three-squares-a-day zoo handouts.

Until the newcomers came.

Six new penguins were introduced to the enclosure last month. The newcomers instantly jumped in the pond and began swimming. Weirdly, the original 46 jumped in also and began churning around the pond as fast as they could go.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Noise bylaw will create more problems than it solves, Minden Hills council told

from page 6

in the afternoon.

Yes, he could call for this and other reasons, such as music in the afternoon or kids playing in the river and splashing and hollering. He already has called for these reasons.

People should be allowed a reasonable use of their property without neighbours calling the police about noise.

I have visitors three times a summer and they are all in bed by 11 p.m. Before that, whether swimming, playing horseshoes, gathered around the fire pit or whatever,

there is some noise. Now, under this bylaw anyone could call, in a complaint.

Reasonable people must be protected from the extremes at both ends of the problem. We want our sleep, without being kept up all night. We also do not want people being able to call with a complaint if you holler at your dog, grand kids or God forbid even your wife, or as often happens, she hollers at me.

I urge councillors to address the problem and not try to deal with a simple, wide, all

encompassing bylaw that opens the doors for abuse from the other end of the spectrum. Others have found out if you want to limit something such as noise, you have to be specific. What times; what noises; what consequences should all be spelled out.

Again, I, and others in this area, never had a problem in the six years I have been here – until the new parties arrived. One was noisy, the other called the police, the other became noisier, as a result, the other

called the police constantly day and night. I want the problem fixed, not magnified.

Ron Pellerin
Country Lane, Minden

P.S. Also, the fine amounts are a joke and not a deterrent in this situation. While a \$150 fine will bring most families to their senses, the people involved need an escalating penalty for repeat offenses to be a deterrent. (\$15 people at \$10 each won't limit much noise.), or do each of the 15 people receive a ticket?

MORE LETTERS

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On the slopes

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 7 student Ashley Reid, above, pleases herself, riding down the beginner's hill on a snowboard as her instructor looks on. It was her first day of snowboarding lessons at Sir Sam's Ski Area on Friday, March 7. Ashley wasn't alone on the hill as many other Grade 7s and 8s were also enjoying the mild temperatures on the slopes. Students were taking the opportunity to enjoy a day outside in the fresh air, away from the classroom.

Photos by Darren Lum



Red Hawk curlers compete for Kawartha title

by **TOM DIBBLEE**
Special to The Times

The Boys Red Hawk Curling team travelled to Omeme on Thursday February 27th to compete in the Kawartha Curling Championships. The team consisted of Skip Rob Ainsley, Vice Ryan Cole, Second Charles Taylor, Lead Jeff Sobil and Alternate Scott Fennell. The boys curled exceptionally well and proved to be a force to be reckoned with. They displayed amazing skills, excellent competition, awesome sportsmanship and unified team spirit.

After placing second the Kawartha West last week, the boys were placed in a pool with teams from Thomas A. Stewart, LCVI and Holy Cross.

The boys' first game was against Holy Cross. HHSS dominated the game from the beginning and won 5-1 after seven ends. Everything was working perfectly. Awesome strategy and well delivered shots.

The second game was against TAS which placed first in North Central. This game was a nail-biter to the very end. The boys had the TAS team rattled and the spectators on the edge of their seats. The game was tied 5-5 coming home in the eighth end. TAS was sitting three and Skip Rob Ainsley need a hit and roll for one to win the game. His rock hung a little too long and ended up taking out one rock and rolling out. TAS won the game 7-5. A valiant effort considering the enormous pressure of the "do or die" shot.

Based on the results after all of the second games, there was no scenario that would allow the HHSS team to advance to COSSA in Bancroft on Friday February 28. Even if TAS and HHSS tied with two wins and one loss at the end of the day, the winner of a two-way tie was determined by who won against the other team. The winner of Pool A was TAS. The winner of Pool B was FFSS. These teams advanced to COSSA.

For the Red Hawks, it was the end of a curling season with many great experiences.



Red Hawks carry each other to success at OFSAA

Acting more like the family that they are than a sports team, the four teenagers beam with pride, while recounting their recent OFSAA experiences. Kira Fry and Ashley Cameron, the two oldest members among the OFSAA competitors to go to the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Complex from Mar. 3 to 5, led the inaugural HHSS wrestling team with their strong performances.

Fry earned an impressive fifth place in the province. She ended her season with three wins and two losses at OFSAA, finishing with an overall record of 19-7. Fry entered the OFSAA competition seeded fifth.

Ashley earned an eighth and even defeated the current COSSA champion from East Northumberland Secondary School in her third match of the day on her way to an eighth place. It was her second win at OFSAA.

"I didn't expect anything. She's beaten me before so I'm going to have to do my best. That's what my coaches said, 'Just go out there and wrestle your best'. That's what she did, pinning her and shutting out her opponent."

Coach Paul Klose said it was a definite highlight to her season. She finished OFSAA with a 2-2 record.

Grade 9 student Jason Loughheed and Amelia Ambridge of Grade 12 entered the competition with COSSA silver medals and despite two losses, they say the experience was unforgettable.

Fry would like to continue her wrestling at the university level and hopes to attend Lakehead University for nursing.

Cameron would also like to continue wrestling competitively at Brock University where she will study Criminology, hoping to become a police officer. She said she's anxious about attending the university after hearing they have a reputable wrestling program.

Cameron attributes the successful results to the coaches who allowed them to perform with simple advice.

"All the coaches said was for us to do our best. We went out there to wrestle our best and that's what we did," Cameron said.

The coaches couldn't be more pleased with the dedication of the team members and the way the season ended. "It's outstanding to have this success for the first year. The students worked hard all year," Klose said, adding the success achieved this season can only attract more potentials.

There were more than 700 participants at the competition, making it the largest in the country said Klose.

He adds the very existence of the team depends largely upon the support by the school's principal. "Gary Bröhmman has been very supportive. It would not have happened without him," Klose said.

HHSS Team's road to OFSAA

Kawartha Wrestling Championships

17 wrestlers competed, 11 advanced

Gold: Amelia Ambridge, Kira Fry, Ashley Cameron

Silver: Noelle Johnson, Jason Loughheed

Bronze: Melanie Howitt, Abby Hagerman, Kori Hissa, Kyle Austin, Oleg Romanov

COSSA Wrestling Championships

Nine wrestlers competed, four advanced

Silver: Amelia Ambridge, Kira Fry, Ashley Cameron, Jason Loughheed

4th: Melanie Howitt, Noelle Johnson, Kori Hissa

*Women's team ranked 4th out of all COSSA schools



Daren Lum/TIMES

Four Red Hawk wrestlers spent three days at OFSSA in Sarnia competing against the best wrestlers in the province from March 3-5. They proved their mettle earning a fifth and eighth placing among more than 700 competitors at the event. The HHSS wrestlers are (from left): Jason Loughheed, eighth place, Ashley Cameron, Amelia Ambridge carry fifth place, Kira Fry.



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Cheryl Murdoch elected president of newly amalgamated Minden Curling club

by SANDY COLE
Special to The Times

The Minden regular curling club and the senior curling club have joined together as a whole, pooling together their strengths to create a better club for all. The club held an election for the position of president, needing someone to bind the two clubs together, mediate concerns from both levels and lead the way to the future. The members of all clubs voted and the result proclaimed Cheryl Murdoch the members' choice to do the job. Congratulations Cheryl!

The elections are now on for a vice-president and directors to represent each club. Make sure you exercise your vote so together we will have a strong executive and a successful club.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Ryan Cole, Jake Walker, Edward Cyr Jr. and Connor Duhamie, who represented the Minden Curling Club in the OCA Bantam Boys competition in Peterborough on March 1 and 2. Our guys ended up in third place with only the top two teams going on to the regional competition. The boys played five games in the two days, going right to the end before being put out.

The team members would like to thank coach Ed Cyr Sr., the club and their parents for their support.

Coach Ed Cyr was happy with the team's efforts, especially when three of the four boys will be able to compete in this category for three more years. With this experience under their belts some very good things could come in the next few years.

Any students interested in participating in the youth curling should register in the fall. You can be a junior curler up until you are 20 years old. Curling in public school can be a stepping stone for high school competitions as well as in college and university.

Curling is a relatively inexpensive sport for students to participate in and it is a sport that you can enjoy your whole life.

See you at the rink!

Monday Night Ladies

Nancy Garbutt 10, Zelda Cooper 5
Pat Campbell 11, Pat Woodcroft 10
Melanie Vigrass 10, Linda Eaton 5

Tuesday Night Mens

Dan Garbutt 8, Don Ballantyne 3
Jim Garbutt 7, Bill Roodenburg 5
Ed Cyr Jr. 7, Rob Eaton 7
Alf Trotter 9, Peter McNeillage 4

Thursday Night Mixed

Fred Simmons 8, Peter McNeillage 7
Jack Taylor 11, Harvey Kivela 3
Jim Garbutt 8, Jim Pollard 7
Pat Campbell 5, Rob Eaton 7
Bruce Fisher 11, Melanie Vigrass 1
Ted Wilkes 9, Bill Roodenburg 7

Friday Night Mixed

Murray Cooper 8, Jake Walker 7
Cheryl Murdoch 6, Brian Cross 4
Dan Garbutt 11, Doug Ray 6
Sherdon Kellett 7, Paul Prentice 6

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Fun Philanthropy

The 23rd annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake fund-raiser earned \$11,240 from contributions from 250 participants who bowled, outfitted with masks and costume jewelry at the Haliburton County Bowling Centre and Carnarvon Bowl & Billiard on Saturday, March 1.

Carnarvon bowling

Tuesday Afternoon League

(March 4)

High average: Ken Thompson 209; Mona Benn 198
High single: Ken Thompson 371; Mona Benn 236
High single (handicap): Ken Thompson 385; Elma Giltenan 287
High triple: Ken Thompson 802; Mona Benn 604
High triple (handicap): Ken Thompson 846; Joan Eyres 704

Wednesday Afternoon League

(March 5)

High average: Ken Thompson 219; Mona Benn 190
High single: Ken Thompson 260; Mona Benn 217
High single (handicap): Fred Phipps 281; Norma Terro 296
High triple: Ken Thompson 703; Jean Pugh 545
High triple (handicap): Fred Phipps 701; Norma Terro 705

Thursday Afternoon League

(March 6)

High average: Alf Briscoe 238; Shirley Webb 182
High single: Alf Briscoe 268; Shirley Webb 219

High single (handicap): Alf Briscoe 280; Moe Briscoe 274

High triple: Alf Briscoe 715; Shirley Webb 548

High triple (handicap): Alf Briscoe 751; Moe Briscoe 713

Minden Hills Lanes

Legion 636 Mixed League

(March 3)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 190; Pat Roussel 149

High single: Jim Smith 236; Elaine Smith 220

High single (handicap): Jim Smith 298; Elaine Smith 294

High triple: John ? 581; Elaine Smith 538

High triple (handicap): Jim Smith 734; Elaine Smith 760

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

(February 27)

High average: Jim Cummings 213; Mona Benn 194

High single: Jesse Barlow 258; Mona Benn 200

High single (handicap): Jesse Barlow 291; Arlene Lowell 266

High triple: Fred Preston 683; Mona Benn 564

High triple (handicap): Fred Preston 770; Arlene Lowell 695

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Regional lab agreement will move forward at HHHS

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

A slim majority of Haliburton Highlands Health Services' board members agreed to "take a leap of faith" as described by Keith Sansford, chief executive officer, in moving forward with a regional lab service agreement.

Sansford explained he and the partners in the project from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge and Durham district were being pressured by senior ministry staff to negotiate a regional lab agreement. The agreement Sansford presented to the board from the joint executive committee of HKPR and the Ministry of Health was an agreement in principle of the operating and governance framework.

Sansford said at this time he did not have the answers to many of the board members questions. Chris Bonnett, board member responded by saying he was still on the fence with regard to the issue and felt it was premature to be making a decision about something with so little information.

Kim Stamp, board member agreed with him leaving Peter White, Len Salvatori, Margaret Risk and Dick Charron voting in favour of the motion.

Attached to the motion were the following provisos. That the regional lab be of no additional cost to HHHS. That the board have an opportunity to review a business case before final signing. That patient care services be detailed and that existing services, particularly those involving the current lab provider MDS, not be degraded.

IT Agreement

Bonnett asked for a written description of what Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay will be providing under a \$250,000 deal currently being negotiated for information technology. Outram responded that Ross is doing an implementation plan now that will tell them that.

She briefly sketched out some of the things the new system will do such as improve their financial systems, improve the admission and discharge data, patient care abstracting and information for the Canadian Institute of Health Information.

Bonnett questioned administration about whether they had the expertise to negotiate the IT deal, based on knowing what HHHS needs and what it should cost. Sansford replied "no we don't" and went on to explain that since HHHS does not have their own IT expert, HHHS is hiring Ross to tell them what they need and then provide it.

Bonnett argues that is a conflict of interest and asked whether or not they could get another opinion before committing to the deal. Since he is new to the board this year, staff and board members explained in the past they had hired a consultant who gave them no clear direction on what HHHS needs. Outram also says to go through another consultant would cost a third of what it would to just have Ross install a system.

Outram says based on past research she trusts Ross and speaks for the staff when she says they need to move ahead and fix their current system that can crash now up to five times a day.

A formal agreement between Ross and HHHS is targeted for March 14.

Strategic Planning

A workshop held on Feb. 21 at the Bonnie View Inn to finalize the strategic plan for HHHS produced four main goals. Those goals are to focus during the upcoming year/s on information technology, recruitment and retention of professionals, find resource efficiencies and meet the demand for services.

The committee, consisting of board members, staff and community members will meet again in March to establish strategies, goals and objectives for staff to implement.

Foundation

Dale Walker, HHHS foundation executive director, reported the foundation is nearing their goal of reaching their budget estimate of \$609,000, with \$550,000 raised to date.

She requested the April board meeting date be changed so that members could attend the Deck and Dock fund-raiser held in Toronto on April 24. She explained it is the second year for the event and cottager donors last year expressed their appreciation to the foundation for bringing a fund-raiser to them. She also encouraged board members to come because Tony Clement, Minister of Health will be attending.

Walker says she is disappointed they will not be able to put a flyer in the tax this year since it was a good money maker for them but says they are hoping to reach many of those same cottage/out of town donors through a mail out using a realtor's list of waterfront properties.

Cottage owner fined \$1,000 for removing shoreline vegetation

A Mississauga woman has been fined \$1,000. for removing vegetation from Rush Lake.

Mary Ann Delaat-Masters-Lora, 46, removed vegetation from the area fronting her cottage property, without a work permit, and also hired a contractor to help do the work.

Court was told that in August 2002, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Conservation Officers responded to a public complaint. They found vegetation such as bull rushes and cattails had been removed from an area about 30 feet in length and extending 12 to 15 feet into the water, on the shore of Rush Lake in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

In addition to the fine, Delaat-Masters-Lora has been placed on probation for two years, has been ordered to apply for a work permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources, and must do rehabilitation work.

Justice of the Peace P. Hiscox heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on February 28, 2003.

Charges are pending against the contractor.

The public is asked to help protect its natural resources by reporting violations to the local Ministry of Natural Resources office or anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Invitation to Attend "Issues in the Treatment of Diabetes" Workshop

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Manners chosen to represent NDP

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The provincial New Democratic Party considers Haliburton-Victoria-Brock to be an open riding — one which its candidate can win. The NDP Riding Association is pulling out all the stops in an effort to convince voters in the next provincial election to send an NDP representative to Queen's Park.

The riding association believes a high profile candidate will give the NDP its best chance to accomplish that goal and the association believes Earl Manners is that candidate.

Manners was chosen at a nomination meeting in Lindsay on March 2. He was unopposed in his bid to represent the party in this riding against Liberal candidate Jason Ward and Progressive Conservative candidate Laurie Scott.

"Times are changing," Manners told the crowd of about 50 party faithful at the Legion hall in Lindsay. "There is new hope."

He said he has spent a lot of time familiarizing himself with the riding and he looks forward to the opportunity to "spend more time in this community, representing the people of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock."

Manners is known as the outspoken president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF). He said now is the time for him to run for office.

As a resident of Lindsay, Manners said he will vote yes in the referendum to undo the amalgamation of the municipalities that now form the City of Kawartha Lakes. "I don't know why we were not trusted to form our own government," he said. "There is only one way to ensure the referendum is binding... elect an NDP government."

With regard to education, Manners said, "I'm tired of seeing deterioration in the education system. It's time to stem the tide of cuts to education."

Manners said he believes there is renewed enthusiasm for the New Democratic Party. He credits NDP MPPs



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Earl Manners and Howard Hampton share a pre-election celebration in Lindsay, after Manners was chosen to represent the NDP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock. Manners

with forcing the Progressive Conservatives to change their minds about privatization of Hydro One.

He asked the members of the audience if they thought it was a coincidence that Premier Ernie Eves visited the General Motors plant in Oshawa just before NDP Sid Ryan's nomination meeting for that riding and he visited Lindsay just before his own nomination meeting. He is convinced the NDP has the Tories on the ropes.

Manners claims the Eves government wants to privatize the new mega-jail in Lindsay as soon as possible. He said the Tories missed an opportunity to help a Lindsay business, the Shirt and Pajama Factory, which is in danger of closing its doors. He said the company should have been contacted to supply uniforms and

clothing for the jail's staff and for the inmates.

Manners said both the Tories and Liberals are in favour of privatization of many government services. "If you want privatization, you can choose either one of them," he said.

Some of the issues Manners felt were important included: Taking back communities (undoing amalgamation); 24-hour emergency medical services in Apsley, Cannington, Kinmount and other smaller communities; and lower tuition fees for colleges and universities, among others.

"We respect the power of the people," Manners said. "I have a proven track record and I know how the system works. Together we will win."

Howard Hampton, leader of the Ontario

New Democratic Party, attended the meeting to lend his support to Manners. Speaking about Manners, Hampton said, "He doesn't cow-tow to anybody. He's a scrapper. He will stand up for you. He's a leader and he will stand up for the right thing, even if it's not popular."

Hampton said the Liberal party, under the leadership of Dalton McGinty, is a party without a platform. "If you're not sure... If you can't make up your mind, you can always vote Liberal," he said.

The NDP leader said things will happen very quickly after the next provincial election. He predicted that if a PC government is re-elected, "Hydro privatization will be back on track right after the election."

Manners said the plan outlined by the NDP will not affect the balanced budget. "Yes, we may have to raise taxes, but only on the very rich, to ensure that they pay their fair share for education and health care," he said. "And, we're going to cancel the private school tax credit, which drains money out of the system for the privileged and takes it away from those who live in Haliburton-Victoria-Brock who depend on our public schools. We're going to make sure that any money we spend is for the good of the people."

Manners said he supports firearms registration, but not the way the federal government is going about it. "It is an absolute financial boondoggle and it's been so broad and sweeping that it doesn't make any sense," he said. He suggested that only new sales should be registered. "You go through the [police] check that has to be done and you register at the same time," he said. "We need to start somewhere and move forward, not try to recreate the past."

Earl Manners and his supporters are confident that they have a good chance to win Haliburton-Victoria-Brock riding in the next provincial election.

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Tai Chi is not only good for the soul but it is also good for the body. From left to right: Anje Hilkers, Skip Ray and Taoist Tai Chi Instructor Logie Macdonnell gave a short demonstration of some Tai Chi moves before giving the audience a chance to test their skills. Since joining Tai Chi classes just over a year ago, Hilkers says she has noticed an improvement in her posture.

'People can feel good at any age'

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Sunny days, good news, exercise and singing are just a few of the things that make people feel good about themselves.

"It's different for everybody," said Anne-Marie Cyr, a local public health nurse with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "It's important to focus on things we do well and do positive in our lives."

As part of a Health and Financial Wellness Day hosted by the Government Information Centre, Cyr was asked to provide a short presentation on how people can feel good at any age. By using brainstorming techniques and group work, Cyr wanted people to leave the day with a solid understanding of the tools they require to make themselves feel good.

From physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing to spiritual and lifestyle, Cyr says there are many components in everyone's life that makes them feel good.

The small audience was asked to fill out a health appraisal sheet identifying elements in their lives that they are not satisfied with. Some examples include: body image, diet habits, self-control, values, habits and job satisfaction, just to name a few.

"We need to look at all aspects of who we are to approach life in a positive way," Cyr says.

Once the group had identified areas in their lives that may require improvement, the audience was divided into teams of two to play doctor. One person played the role of a health care practitioner and listened to their partner, while the other person played a patient.

The purpose was to come up with ideas on how people might modify or improve the parts in their lives that they are not satisfied with. In some cases, complete strangers held meaningful conversations and helped to provide thought-provoking discussion.

"Saying aloud what people are thinking is the first step to making a change," Cyr says.

Discussion also led to the importance of physical activity and reduced stress.

"If people are active, that's the key to helping them address other areas in their lives," Cyr says.

The wellness day took place at the Fireside Lounge at the Minden Hospital, where several displays and a plethora of issues were presented to a handful of audience members. Topics covered through the day-long event included Alzheimer's disease, tax tips, diabetes awareness and prevention, Mutual Funds, RRSPs and RIFs and even a short Tai Chi demonstration by Logie Macdonnell.

Macdonnell says Tai Chi can be beneficial for people of all ages and can help with painful arthritis and also improve posture and flexibility.

Chef Lucy Gray was also on hand during the day to provide some helpful soup-making tips. She taught a

'savvy soup class' and prepared Orange, Squash and Ginger Soup, as well as Chicken Noodle Soup for the audience to sample.

"These soups are easy to make," Gray says, "there's no rocket science here."

Gray says she tries to use a lot of garlic, kale and soy beans in her recipes, because of the health benefits associated with those three items.

For more information on the Health and Financial Wellness Day, or to find out any more information about some of the speakers, call the Government Information Centre at 705-286-1521.



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Long, cold winter, puts strain on deer

Emergency feeding program thought to be the biggest in the province

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tribute the food in the deer yards. Some volunteers are also making trails through the snow with snowshoes to help the deer travel through the deep snow.

It's an expensive endeavour, however. Ten tonnes of food costs \$2,670 and while the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the MNR will be able to help out now that the emergency has been declared, the volunteer association needs the community's help to buy more food.

"We're trying to feed a multitude with two or three fishes," says the HHOA's Bruce Sawyer.

"Because conditions are so severe you can end up with a lot of mortality."

Gerry Moraal

Financial donations to help pay for the feed are welcome, and can be dropped off at the HHOA's fish hatchery on County Road 1 or Bruce's Barber Shop in Haliburton.

Moraal says a combination of deep snow and continuously frigid temperatures led to his decision to approve the emergency feeding program for several areas in the Highlands. He knows of no other district in the province that has embarked on the program this extensively.

The MNR uses two guides to determine when to help the deer: the snow depth index and the chillometer. If the SDI measures 450 at the end of January, it means there's an 80 percent chance of severe winter conditions. In Minden it was 397 on January 27 but a month later had reached 718. The chillometer mea-



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Deer struggle to find food when snow is deep and winter is long

sures how much energy a deer has to expend to keep warm. Unfortunately, in mid-winter the MNR discovered one of its chillometers was broken so has no reliable information. But given how cold it's been, it's not difficult to guess that the deer are under stress.

At Terry Hobden's house near Drag Lake, where he regularly feeds the deer, he said that one deer recently dug up his old Christmas tree from under the snow — even though it was a disliked spruce.

Hobden normally feeds about 20 deer, but the number grew by 10 in the past week, including a small fawn which seemed much the worse for winter wear.

Moraal says that "because conditions are so severe you can end up with a lot of mortality. The deer are stuck to their traditional yard areas which is dense conifer and they can't venture to where the browse is."

Last year's newborns are the most susceptible, and if conditions get bad enough, a female deer will abort its fawns.

But as much as the MNR wants to help the deer get through the end of winter, Moraal cautions against too much intervention.

For instance, some people start feeding the deer as soon as the first snow falls. This allows weaker deer to thrive and pass on their genes; should there be a severe winter, the mortality rate would be higher. As well, young fawns get accustomed to going to feeding stations rather than fending for themselves. Should that guaranteed food source end, the deer aren't as prepared to cope on their own.

People who live on busy roadways shouldn't feed the deer since more deer can be killed while attempting to get to the food than deer will be saved by having ready access to food.

"It's knowing what's right versus what feels good," Moraal says.

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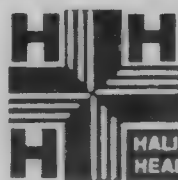


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Rural tourism workshop focusses on opportunities

Speakers share stories of their successes

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

A rural tourism workshop titled "Beyond the City Lights" was held recently at the William Mackenzie Inn at Kirkfield. The event was designed to provide anyone involved in the tourist industry with information, practical tips and networking opportunities. Workshop planning partners included several organizations, one of which was the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Several Haliburton County businesses were represented at the workshop. Carol Moffatt, Events and Marketing Co-ordinator with the local Chamber of Commerce was a member of the workshop's planning team.

The morning session featured a diverse group of speakers who inspired the attendees with their success stories. One of those speakers was Peter Schleifenbaum of the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

The afternoon speakers were Jan Bonhomme, the Network Administrator of Festival and Events Ontario, followed by Rebecca LeHeup-Bucknell, Executive Director of Taste the County, a marketing program of Prince Edward County.

Bonhomme spoke about how special events can be of enormous benefit to local tourism businesses as well as the community. She talked specifically about Pumpkinfest, a festival which has grown

over a few years to include 40 events over a single weekend, involving 2,000 volunteers and 90 committees. The event has become a huge economic boon to Port Elgin.

She said there were many times when Pumpkinfest organizers faced obstacles which could easily have derailed plans.

But, with the ingenuity of a diverse group of volunteer organizers, the obstacles became opportunities. "Community involvement is very important," she said. "It develops pride in ownership [of the event]."

She pointed out that visitors bring dollars into the community and even though

some businesses don't benefit immediately or directly from the influx of tourists, they reap benefits eventually. "That weekend is only the start of the cash flow," she said. She gave an example of a paint and wallpaper store, which wouldn't see any great increase in business on the weekend of the event. But other business owners who enjoy the immediate influx of cash will spend some of that windfall on renovations after the event. "People who earn money spend it locally," she said.

LeHeup-Bucknell explained how the "Taste the County" project got started and what it has done for Prince Edward County. The wine industry is a big attraction to that county, so a group of business people got together to form a marketing co-operative and expanded on the taste theme to include everything that would give visitors a "taste" of what the county has to offer, from agricultural and fisheries to the history, recreational opportunities, art and culture of the region.

She said business owners who buy into the project are considered partners, as opposed to members.

A logo contest was held and flags bearing the logo are sold at a nominal fee to partners.

Unlike the Pumpkinfest, which is held one weekend a year, Taste the County is a year-round co-op marketing venture aimed at providing packages of varied experiences that will bring tourists back during all times of the year.

"There are so many lessons to be learned," Moffatt said. "It was very interesting and informative. It was a perfect opportunity to bring together knowledgeable people from other regions and to learn from them."

Moffatt said the Chamber's ongoing relationship with the county is a tremendous investment to the tourism industry. "We value our relationship with the county," she said. "Haliburton County is getting on the map."

Moffatt explained that county funding is a fee-for-service arrangement, whereby the Chamber markets the products and services of Haliburton County.

"We've made an excellent start, but we still have a long way to go to be competitive with other regions," she said. Moffatt noted that although most of the speakers at the workshop were from other regions, they shared their knowledge and experiences so everyone could benefit.

"Most other regions have people whose sole responsibility it is to design and implement marketing strategies," she said.

Moffatt said one message that was consistent among all the speakers was being aware of opportunities and taking advantage of them.



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Carol Moffatt of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber facilitated the afternoon session



People from across southern Ontario, including several business owners from Haliburton County, attended the workshop

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The grand re-opening of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Marketplace was held Saturday, March 1. The facility had to be renovated to meet building and fire codes. A number of visiting dignitaries took part in the re-opening ceremonies. They are, left to right: Craig Shanks, Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, City of Kawartha Lakes, CKL Mayor Art Truax, Patty Fleury, Bruce Fleury, CKL Councillor John Huke and Max Radiff.

Artisans Marketplace gets a face-lift



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Thank you to everyone who joined in the Re-opening Celebration at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. Winter schedule hours are in effect, so please plan to visit Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A questionnaire is presently being circulated to determine the need for supportive housing for seniors in

Kinmount and the surrounding area. If you are an area resident aged 55+ who would like to have input please call 488-2060 or 488-2307 for a copy of the questionnaire as soon as possible.

The Haliburton 50+ Club will hold its last meeting of the season at the Haliburton Legion hall on Thursday, March 20, with a Pot Luck Supper and annual election of officers. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests are welcome but please call Mary or Brian at 754-3319 by March 18 and let them know your plans.

Now here's the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep well and busy.

Thursday, February 27 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In the most lone hands department it was Iris Taylor for the ladies and Norm Lee for the gents. High scores ladies/men were recorded by Bess Cox and Gala Stamp while Anne McCreight and Marie Dennie took the lows. Other prize winners were Anne Baker, Norm Lee, Gala Stamp and our reporter May Bradbury.

Friday, February 28 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Pat Scadden had both a moonshot and the hidden score, while Rob Evans doubled in the moonshot department. Verna McDonald took top spot for the pinks with

302, followed by Helen Windsor 246 and Kay Orr 237. Rob Evans led the white cards at 276, with Alvin Cowen 263 second and Chris Clarke 216 third.

Friday, February 28 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Leading in north/south with 57% was the duo of Stella McMillan and Ross Davies, followed by Bill Sandford and Don Mills 56%. For east/west, top spot went to Ev and Fred Vanderland 59%, with Reet Murray and Jim Sandford a close second at 58%.

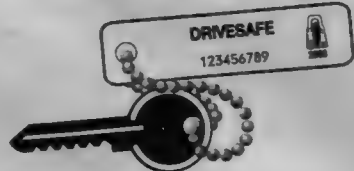
Saturday, March 1 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: There was a good crowd out to see Milton Fletcher win first place at 281 with Elva Paisley 275 second and Idella Gault 266 third. Hidden score holders were Margaret Fletcher, Isobel Cherwenka and Gloria Moore who also recorded a moonshot along with Rob Evans. Kevin Maloney's many friends send him good wishes and Ruth Kellett reminds everyone that the popular monthly Pot Luck will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 12 noon with cards to follow at 1 p.m.

Monday, March 3 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Maxine Cross reports that Verna McDonald was first with Jean Scadden second. The draw winners were Kim McCabe, Dean Chambers and

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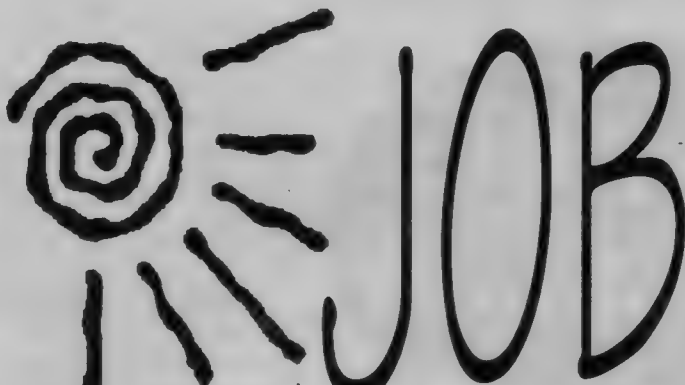
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Moonshots shower Stanhope

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Esther Lee.

Monday, March 3 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: It was a lucky evening for Tom Orr winning both most lone hands and the baloney. The high scores for ladies/men were a family affair, going to Helen and Garth Windsor, while Kay Orr and Harry Randell took the lows. Thanks to Ken Wallace for his update.

Monday, March 3 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Pearl Cowen recorded the high score, with Helen Skelding taking the low. For most lone hands it was Cecil Smith, while our reporter Idella Gault won the special draw. Idella also reports that a skunk did pay someone a visit but no names were mentioned.

Monday, March 3 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For highest score it was Marg Viney, with Marjorie Paradis second high. Marjorie also had a moonshot along with Emily Harvie who then won a special draw prize with Jim Corbett.

Monday, March 3 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Pearl Cowen for the ladies and Joyce Ritchie on behalf of the men. In the high scoring column it was Verna McDonald and Norm Lee, while Jeanne Keliele and Jack Chilton took the lows. Draw winners Gwen Cox and Don Hicks joined in the birthday greetings for Joyce Ritchie right on her special day.

Tuesday, March 4 contract bridge at Stanhope: Leading the top scoring quartet was Dave Heaven 6240, followed by Stan Hill 5680, Doug McIntosh 5420 and Dorothy Strype 4770. Lucky draw winner was Ev Morgan. There were two Special Awards. Dave Heaven received the "TOTG" for "Taking Off The Gloves" and Ambrose Carroll the "ESIDB" recognizing his prowess as an "Emerging Specialist In Defensive Bridge."

Tuesday, March 4 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Top spot went to Gala Stamp, with Ruth Kellett second and Pat Roussel third. Moonshots struck Pat Scadden, Eileen Shepstone, Verna McDonald and Marie Dennie, while Jean Scadden, Anne Baker and Marie Dennie uncovered the hidden scores.

Tuesday, March 4 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed shuffleboard: Alf Briscoe and Shirley Alderton teamed up for first place with 291, followed by the duo of Betty Lockhart with Ellen Holden 279 aDorset News

Tuesday, March 4 euchre at Gelert: For the ladies, our reporter Audrey Vick took the high score and Rita Crofts the low. High man was Ted Wilkins, Lorna Hicks was low "man" while Don Curry had the most lone hands and Dorothy McElwain won the special prize.

Wednesday, March 5 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system, it was Dorothy Thayer and Hal Beach first at 62% and Reet Murray partnered with Mayme Douglas second at 58%. Tied for third at 48% were Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher, along with Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf.

Wednesday, March 5 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots showered down on Jim Fink, Margaret Bull, Chris Clarke, Pat Scadden and Garth Windsor, with Dick Coffey getting two. For the pinks it was Idella Gault first 266, then Lottie Ruttan 259 and Colleen Davison 244. With 256, Howard Smith led the whites, followed by Dick Coffey 251 and Garth Windsor 240.

Wednesday, March 5 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: The Harvie family was well represented in the win column, with Emily taking both high lady and most lone hand honours and Harold the high man score. Low lady/man were Mary Wilkins and Rick McElwain. The special draws went to Ted Wilkins and Rick McElwain.

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Eastern Ontario counties band together to demand provincial support

A coalition of senior municipal officials representing 12 counties in Eastern Ontario has launched a public campaign aimed at pressuring the provincial government to take action on a number of initiatives that will help avert a financial crisis in the region.

The senior election official from each county, including Haliburton County Warden Ross Rigney, have banded together to create the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. Its purpose is to develop a coordinated approach to identifying and implementing actions that are needed to deal with common problems and issues for the mostly rural counties.

A primary objective of the group is to initiate an effective collaboration with the province, and as a first step, the Wardens' Caucus met last week with Ontario's Associate Minister for Rural Affairs, Brian Coburn, to present their case.

But, the Wardens say that the positive initial reaction from the Minister, confirmed in a letter received earlier this week, has been overshadowed by the Cabinet shuffle that resulted in the appointment of two new Ministers, David Young as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Ernie Hademan as the Associate Minister for Rural Affairs.

The caucus group is now in the process of trying to arrange meetings with each of the new Ministers.

In the letter dated the day before the Cabinet shuffle, Minister Coburn formally recognized the Wardens' Caucus as the collective voice of the Eastern Ontario Counties, and acknowledged that the government was interested in taking action on a number of proposals put forward by the Wardens.

These proposals stemmed from a broadening perspective among the municipal officials in Eastern Ontario that the region has been moving deeper into a financial crisis

over the past few years, and it needs special attention from the Province.

At various meetings with provincial government officials over the past couple of years, the rural representatives have constantly been told to get some evidence to support their claims.

In response, the 12 Eastern Ontario counties created the formal caucus of wardens, commissioned a research report by an independent accounting firm to gather the proof of the financial realities that needed to be dealt with, and have now launched the campaign to make the government take action.

The research study, called "Future Directions", identified and quantified a number of specific problem areas, including issues such as limited assessment growth, the property tax base, downgraded highways, infrastructure investment requirements, and taxation and public land ownership issues (Crown lands, hydro corridors).

The study identified a number of proposals for moving forward in dealing with the problems being experienced in Eastern Ontario, which included three categories of actions - activities the Counties could undertake, supportive actions that the Province could take, and specific funding initiatives that are needed to address regional needs and inequities.

The Wardens' Caucus has identified a number of short-term actions that are required, and a number of other issues that it has recognized will take longer to resolve.

In the meeting with the Associate Minister last week, the group asked the Province to take short-term actions that included a formal recognition of the special needs of Eastern Ontario, and an allocation of resources to deal with those needs; the establishment of an annual capital allocation for road and bridge infrastructure, and the set-



Haliburton County Warden Ross Rigney has joined other Wardens in Eastern Ontario to create a caucus. Its purpose is to develop a coordinated approach to deal with issues and problems found in rural counties.

ting of a uniform tax rate province-wide for commercial and industrial tax rates.

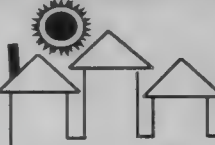
The longer-term issues identified by the Caucus relate to hydro corridors, Crown lands, and the legacy of the Local Services Realignment that downloaded a broad range of responsibilities to municipalities across the Province.

The Minister's letter stated that some of the short-term proposals "can be implemented quickly, while others will require collective efforts over a longer period of time".

The letter also noted "that the forthcoming recommendations of the Smart Growth Panels will provide the framework around which we can implement our efforts in support of community growth and prosperity."

The Wardens' Caucus group, while pleased with the initial response from the former Minister, is now intent on ensuring the new Ministers will share the same sentiments, and that those good intentions will translate into concrete support and funding initiatives.

Individual wardens and other senior officials from each county are now preparing to meet with their respective MPPs and related stakeholder groups to present their case and seek support for their proposals. They will also be seeking meetings with provincial candidates in each riding and the campaign organizations for each of the provincial parties.



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Highlands Chamber news for February and March

President's note

The staff is busily working on their respective projects for the coming season. It's been a busy couple of weeks with workshops and shows – as well as being year-end. It's budget time too, so we are planning for our upcoming fiscal year and are putting together our marketing proposal for County Council's consideration.

I hope everyone has had a successful winter season and that success continues into the warmer spring season.

Please remember to call us, fax us, e-mail us or phone us but most importantly, talk to us: we are your Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Henwood, President

Thanks For The Beds

The Timbersport Beds are thrilled with the response to their call for complimentary accommodation for the OLN film crew. Organizer Ted Anthon reports being inundated with offers and says a big thanks to everyone who called. The film crew will be staying at the Delta Pinestone.

Note: I have to break from the third-person format I usually write in and say thanks to everyone for responding to this request. I sent it out and thought, "What if no one calls?" But you did call, and that tells me two things: that you're reading the newsletter and that you're responding to the needs of fellow businesses. This is exactly what it's all about.

I keep saying "we're all in this tourism thing together" and this one small instance was a nice reward for all the effort we put into being your Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks, Carol Moffatt

Highlands Business Successes!

Congratulations to Chamber member Candlelight Communications for winning a tender to supply a high-speed wide area computer network to the District of Muskoka. Over the course of the next few months, Candlelight will design and install a wireless network to service 38 sites within the district.

Within days of the announcement Candlelight was asked by other Muskoka businesses to provide quotes.

Congratulations to Chamber members Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve and Winterdance Dogsled Tours for extensive coverage in recent Saturday newspapers. The Forest was featured in the Ottawa Citizen, and Winterdance in the Toronto Star.

The Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfast group has announced it will be hosting the annual general meeting of the

Federation of Ontario Bed and Breakfast Association (FOBBA) in November 2004. Up to 140 people will attend this two- or three-day event that includes a trade show, the AGM and an optional sight seeing day. The group is looking for location for host the event.

TMAC Conference

We recently attended the Travel Media Association of Canada annual conference in Niagara Falls. As new members of this organization it was our first foray into the marketplace and it was well worth attending.

While many freelance travel writers enjoy the warmer climes of Hawaii and Cayman Islands for their work, there are many who still tout "our own backyard" and are eager for stories about Ontario products and experiences. We made many good connections and intend to work on those relationships to generate stories about the Highlands.

Sponsorship in uncertain times

We all know that our community must continually learn new ways to do business and that idea was confirmed loud and clear at a recent one-day seminar on acquiring sponsorships for events. The speaker, Sylvia Allen, is a highly successful consultant and event coordinator from New Jersey.

Ms. Allen's messages and instruction on "investment", "access" and "exploitability" were both entertaining and informative. In order for our local events to grow and prosper we need to shift our focus from asking for donations to acquiring sponsorship investment. It's all about barter, leverage and homework. Huh? Don't worry. We intend to boil down the lessons we learned in order to pass them on to our event organizers. Stay tuned.

Beyond the City Lights Workshop

In the last newsletter you were all invited to participate in a one-day workshop on rural tourism. We are proud to have been on the planning team for this terrific event, along with folks from OMAF, City of Kawartha Lakes and the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce. We are pleased to advise that there were 76 participants, a dozen of whom were representing the Highlands, including Peter Schleifenbaum of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, who was one of the speakers.

For those of you who didn't make it, you missed out on some excellent speakers and lots of interesting and applicable lessons about passion, opportunities and partnerships. Here's hoping you'll make the next

one.

HCSA Trail Report

Wow - it's been such a wild winter that we asked HCSA President Bob Johnson to give us the club's perspective. He writes: Permit sales are on target for the 2002/2003 season and, with careful management, we will be able to fulfill our budget commitments this year.

We purchased a new groomer this year and two small Alpines to help us open trails early in the season.

The ice storm in February caused us some problems and we thank the volunteers who came out and spent a week brushing and cleaning up the trails. Now with the recent snowfall, all of our trails are in good shape. If the weather holds, the season should last well over the March break. This year we have groomed more trails, more often than at any time in club history. And it's paying off.

There have been many phone calls, notes and e-mails sent to the club saying how good the trails are and we appreciate of this show of support; It's what keeps volunteers coming out. We are looking forward to another few weeks of riding and then we start working to prepare for next season. There will be bridges to build as well as trails to grade, brush and re-route. As always, we want to thank the landowners for giving us permission to put trails across their property. Without their support, our network of trails would not exist.

Travel Trade Workshop

Two years ago we hosted a workshop that taught us how to develop packages. More than 30 business owners attended. At that time, we learned that the Ministry of Tourism was developing a follow-up work-

shop called "Working with the Travel Trade". Well, it's available and it's happening on April 3, 2003.

Janice Ketchen, Travel Trade Liaison for the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership, will discuss how you can reach both the domestic travel trade as well as international inbound tour operators.

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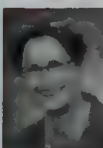
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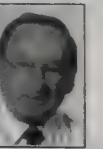
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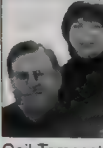
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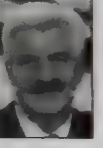
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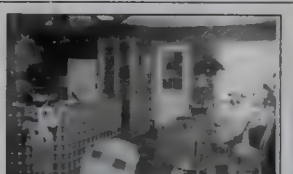
EAGLE LAKE ISLAND

Large Viceroy style cottage, 5 bdrms, 2 baths, cath. ceilings, stone FP, south exp, lg decks, level lot, mature trees, dock at waters edge. 2 minute boat/snowmobile ride from main land. \$245,000 Call Linda and Troy



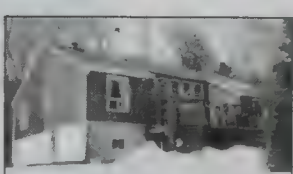
KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

1 1/2 storey, 2 bedroom. home, cathedral ceilings, tastefully finished in pine, living room fireplace, ceramic tile & carpet on floors. Guest cabin with 2 bedrooms., southern view, very private. Asking \$249,000. Call Ted Vasey



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KASHAGAWIGAMOG

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Call Tom & Gail Tempest



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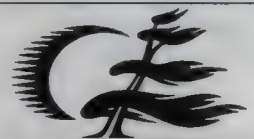
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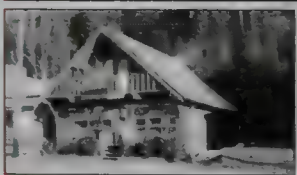


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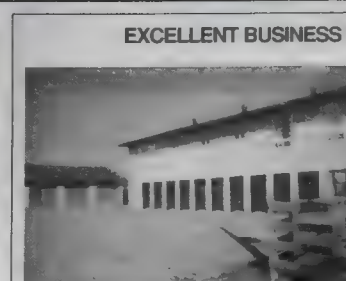
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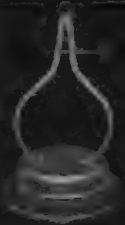
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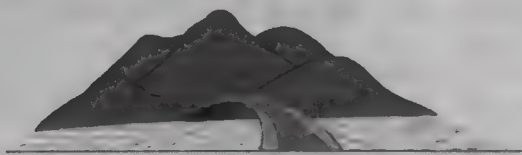
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NOTICE

The "DRAFT" Noise By-Law for the Township of Minden Hills is now available for written public input. The "DRAFT" Noise By-Law can be viewed on the website at

www.minden.on.ca

Or is available for pick up at:

The Building and Planning Office located South of Minden on Highway #35 (formerly the Township of Lutterworth Municipal Building)

OR

The Administration Office located on #7 Milne Street.

All comments are to be received in writing, on or before Friday, April 4th, 2003 at 4 p.m. and directed to:

Township of Minden Hills,
Box 359,
Minden, Ontario
K0M 2K0
Attention: Fraser MacDonald, CBCO,
CBO/MLEO

The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR A NEW TOWNSHIP ZONING BY-LAW



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act on:

Saturday, March 29, 2003
at 1:00 p.m.

at the
Stanhope Firefighters' Community Centre
North Shore Road

An Open House will begin at 12:00 Noon, followed by the formal Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to obtain public comments on a proposed new Zoning By-law that will apply to the entire Municipality which is intended to replace By-law # 85-7 (former Township of Stanhope Zoning By-law) and By-law # 98-08 (former Township of Sherborne et al Zoning By-law). The proposed Zoning By-law will affect all lands within the Township, therefore no map is provided as part of this notice.

The purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law is to prohibit the use of land and the erection of buildings and structures except for such purposes as are set out in this Zoning By-law and to regulate the type of construction, height, bulk, location, size, floor area, spacing, character and use of buildings or structures on the lands covered by this By-law. The Zoning By-law is intended to conform with and implement the policies contained within the Township's Official Plan.

The majority of the provisions in the new by-law will be similar to the provisions in By-law # 85-7 and # 98-08. A number of "housekeeping" changes are proposed, to simplify the wording and use of the Zoning By-law.

The Zoning By-law contains a number of new definitions and provides additional regulations for such uses as boathouses, sleeping cabins, home industries, home occupations, and tourist establishments.

Additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-law, including a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law, is available for inspection at the Township Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm).

Any person or agency may attend and provide representation at the Public Meeting and/or make written representation prior to the meeting, either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Zoning By-law.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting, or make a written submission to the Township before the proposed Zoning By-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

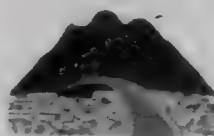
If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township.

Once Council has received all of the information that it feels is required, it may defer, reject or approve the Zoning By-law or may approve the Zoning By-law with amendments.

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the 3rd day of March, 2003.

Gerald Bain
C.A.O./Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Minden, ON K0M 2K0
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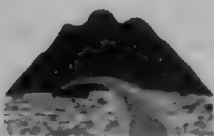
to forward a detailed price list indicating the various aggregate products to the Township Office
Box 359, 7 Milne Street,
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K0M 2K0

in a sealed envelope, to the attention of Kevin Hill, Road Superintendent, clearly marked "Aggregate Prices", no later than Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 12:00 noon.

Tenders to be opened at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: March 27, 2003
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (Council Chambers)
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario
Applicant: Lofly Pines Resort
RZ-01-08

PURPOSE OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-law No. 86-26 as amended, to rezone lands described as Blocks D and E, Plan 145 located in Part of Lot 24, Concession 3, geographic Township of Minden from the Tourist Commercial (C4) and Rural (RU) Zone to the Tourist Commercial Exception 40 (C4-40) Zone. A map is attached to this notice indicating the lands subject to this amendment. The same lands are also subject to an application for site plan agreement with the Township and a copy of the site plan is available for public review at the Building and Planning Office on Highway 35 south of Minden.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of the application is to permit the redevelopment of a tourist commercial business. The proposal involves removing 9 existing cottages and replacing them with 4 new cottages. In summary the proposed rezoning deals with the following issues:

1. It would allow the business to convert to an interval ownership (timeshare) form of use;
2. It would allow an increase in height of the existing buildings; and
3. It would include the existing parking area in the proposed zone.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the Zoning By-law Amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the application. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision, please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of the Clerk.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Minden Hills in respect of the proposed amendments but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Building and Planning Office located on Highway 35 on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Information may also be provided by contacting Elinor Burke, Planning Administrator at (705) 286-1541.

Mailing Date of this Notice: March 6, 2003

Elinor Burke
Planning Administrator



Trails and Tours Network needs help in Dorset



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
melalfano@hotmail.com

An Irishman's Life Philosophy: "In life, there are only two things to worry about, either you are well, or you are sick. If you are well, there is nothing to worry about, but if you are sick, you have two things to worry about; either you will live, or you will die. If you live, there is nothing to worry about, if you die, you have two things to worry about; either you will go to heaven or you will go to hell. If you go to heaven, there is nothing to worry about, but if you go to hell, you'll be so busy shaking hands with your friends, you won't have time to worry!"

Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is looking for people interested in joining a committee to

discuss/plan improvements to the Dorset Tower Trail due to new funding recently made available to the Network. If you are interested, please call Barry Martin at 705-286-1760 or 1-800-461-7677 or E-mail info@trailsandtours.on.ca.

Helen Avery is now taking orders for Easter Eggs. The eggs are \$2.50 each. To order, please call Helen at 766-1517.

A combined Lake of Bays Anglican Parish service will be held at St. Ambrose, Baysville on Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m. (no service at St. Mary's).

The Honourable Andy Mitchell, MP Parry Sound - Muskoka, will be at the Dorset Recreation Centre for a town hall meeting on Saturday, April 12, between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend with their questions and comments. Please call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968 to confirm the meeting as Andy's schedule is subject to change.

Birthday wishes for March 9 to 15 go out to Emma MacKay (Happy 1st Emma), Mel Bartman, Fred Baum and Annette Schumacher (Happy special not-to-be-

named birthday Annette). Have a wonderful day!

H.H. To maximize the absorbency of your towels, add a cup of vinegar to the rinse water once a month when washing a load. When the wash is done, dry as usual. The vinegar removes excess detergent that can decrease absorbency.

To submit something for the Dorset news send e-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com, stop by the Dorset Recreation Centre or call at 766-0076.

Wild turkey program a success

In a press release issued recently, the Peaceful Parks Coalition got one thing right in agreeing that the Ontario wild turkey restoration program has been very successful.

In less than 20 years, our wild turkey population has grown from zero to almost 50,000 birds, and a valued part of our natural heritage has been restored. No negative environmental consequences have resulted. On the contrary, the benefits (ecological, social and economic) have

been substantial without cost to taxpayers, because the program is funded by revenues from hunting licenses, and a special provincial wild turkey fund, also paid for by hunters.

The peaceful Parks Coalition is an anti-hunting, non-sustainable user group with links to violent and radical animals rights organization such as Ark II.

"Don't be fooled by Ms. Valastro's misinformation and rhetoric," says OFAH Provincial Manager of Fish and Wildlife Services, Dr. Terry Quinney. "The wild turkey program remains a wonderful example of the benefits to wildlife and people that results from the commitment to conservation shown by organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and agencies like the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources."



County of Haliburton

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Box 880,
3 St. Germaine Street at Newcastle
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881

LOAD RESTRICTIONS

As per By-Law #2216, County Roads #'s 1 to 10, 507 and 648 South (Dydo Mine), shall be posted and enforced for five tonne per axle load restrictions as soon as conditions warrant and signs have been erected.

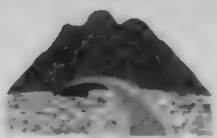
The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any County Roads during the Load Restriction Period.

Single Trip Permits issued by the Roads Department, for transporting over dimensional loads on County Roads, will still be issued but shall be subject to the reduced loading conditions during the above noted period.

Mr. Gary King
Mr. Ross Rigney

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Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit helps protect the health of approximately 150,000 residents of Haliburton and Northumberland counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes. The Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention program currently requires two staff to help deliver its programs.

Health Promoters or Public Health Nurses

The Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Program requires 2 F.T.E. Health Promoters or Public Health Nurses. One F.T.E. is available in **Brighton**, with a current assignment for Chronic Disease Prevention programs in East Northumberland. One F.T.E. is available in **Lindsay** with a current assignment for Substance Abuse Prevention programs in City of Kawartha Lakes.

Position Summary

Under the direction of the Director, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, the Health Promoter/Public Health Nurse is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating the activities and services of the Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention program(s) assigned. The position involves extensive community collaboration and mobilization, facilitating healthy public policy, participating in program planning, development, coordination, implementation and evaluation, and consultation to staff and the community.

The successful candidate will have:

- a baccalaureate degree in health promotion/education or public health nursing or as determined by the Director
- demonstrated skills in group facilitation, community mobilization, social marketing, healthy public policy development, use of epidemiology, research, adult education, behaviour change education
- organizational and analytical skills
- needs assessment/research, program planning and evaluation skills
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- experience in public/community health or health promotion is desirable

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Salary Range: ONA \$46,903 - 53,450 (2003)
CUPE \$49,985 - 54,955 (2003)

Qualified applicants should reply in writing no later than
April 4, 2003 to:

Leslie Orpana, Director, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit
200 Rose Glen Road, Port Hope, Ontario L1A 3V6
Phone: (905) 885-9100, ext. 221 Fax: (905) 885-9551
E-mail: leslieo@hkpr.on.ca



Health Unit

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460 OBITUARIES

DON ALTON HENDERSON
Passed away suddenly in Kinmount on Monday, February 24, 2003 At the age of 59

Dear father of Elizabeth, Robert, Donald Jr., Stephen. Loving grandfather of 5 grandchildren. Fondly remembered by Clara Henderson and by his cousins Fran, Gord, Tom and their families. Friends were invited to a Memorial Service at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Friday, March 7, 2003 at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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DONALD D. WHITE
passed away at the Minden Hospital on Saturday, March 1, 2003 surrounded by his loving family. in his 71st year.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn, daughter Nancy and husband Ted Hiscock of Pembroke, son Paul of Richmond Hill, son John and wife Marjorie of Port Carling, son Bruce of Minden, brother Thomas Jr. (Doreen), and sister Lorna Coulson (Ray), all of Thomasburg. Fondly remembered by granddaughters Kathleen, Kristen, Aimie and by his nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Whether known through his accomplished career with the Ministry of Natural Resources, as a skilled sawyer, or a sharing musician, his genuine personality left a lasting impression to all who met him. He will be deeply missed. The family would like to thank Dr. Roos, Dwight and Kurtis, and the staff at the Minden Hospital, especially Jeanette and Kim for their caring support. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm and at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Plevna on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Funeral Service at 2:30 pm. Interment at Plevna Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Gideon Bible Society, to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Plevna would be appreciated.

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460 OBITUARIES

ERNEST TAYLOR WILKINS
passed away peacefully at Highland Wood, Haliburton on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 in his 91st year.

Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (Babe) Wilkins, dear father of Terry and his wife Dorothy of Ajax, Wendy of Ingoldsby, Nancy and her husband David Lunt of Scarborough, Kathy Godden of Port Dover. Loving grandfather of Michael and Julie, Stephanie and Scott, Lorry and Ted, Warren and Kerrie, Sheldon, Kimberly, Jennifer and Paul, Amy and great grandfather of Samantha, Benjamin, Matthew and Connor. Son of the late Ernest Wilkins and Bolina Marr Statten, brother of Ken and Eleanor. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Friday from 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday, March 8, 2003 at 11:00 am. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Highland Wood-Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

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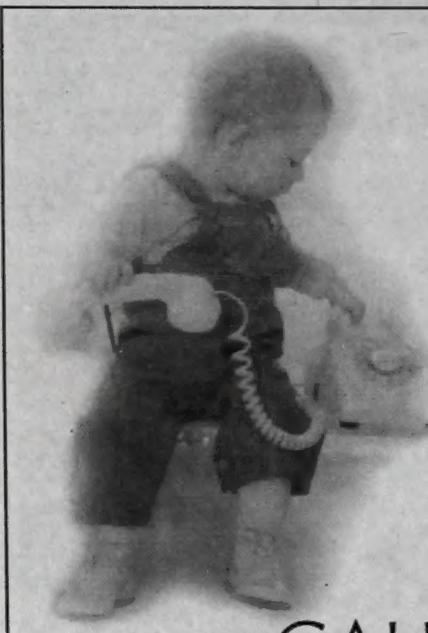
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- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** has arrived in Haliburton. Please join us at The Home Support Drop-In Centre (behind the Home Hardware). Every Wednesday - Weigh in at 10 a.m. followed by a short meeting. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464.
- **Join the Walking Club**, week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175
- **Every Thursday:** 12 noon Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizen Club weekly luncheon at Haliburton Legion. Join us for good food, fun and fellowship.
- **Guided Meditation** Sunday evenings from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Trinity Centre located at The Hair Lounge in Camarvon.
- **Volunteers Needed** for local mediation service. Help foster conflict resolution in your community. Free training is provided for all volunteer mediators. For more detailed information, please call 457-3499 extension 608.
- **Haliburton County Home Support's** trip to Mamma Mia on April 23 is now full. We are taking bookings for a second trip to Mamma Mia on Saturday, May 24. Please call Sheri for more information at 457-2941, or Adele at 448-2838.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has an ongoing Treasure Table in the Drop in Center. Drop by with your change and check out our table. We appreciate any donations towards our table...please no clothing. For more info call 705-457-2941.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- **February 7 to April 11:** Yoga with Pat Stegmaier at the Dorset Rec Centre. Fridays 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Registration required, call 766-9968 in at the Rec Centre. Please bring a blanket. Also, bring your yoga mat if you have one.
- **March Break Activities at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre (Minden):**
 - **March 10:** "Weird Science" Make a lava lite and create an exploding rainbow.
 - **March 11:** We will be making gauze and plaster face masks (wear your hair tied back).
 - **March 12:** Activity morning with Bev Jackson. The theme will be "St. Patrick's Day"
 - **March 13:** Bingo at 11 a.m. "Weird Science" - Make a flying phantom. Call 286-1770 for more info.
- **March 14:** Basic Rescuer Level "C" CPR. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. / **March 15:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn to Save A Life. For information and registration phone 324-1656 W.S.I.B. Approved.
- **March 14:** Basic Rescuer/ Standard First Aid (Must attend all three days) - 6: p.m. to 10 p.m. March 15: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 16 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information and registration phone 324-1656.
- **March 15:** Environment Haliburton next meeting is at 10:00 a.m. in the Minden United Church basement on Newcastle Street. All welcome.
- **March 17:** Anyone joining Curves (30 Minute Fitness and Weight Loss Centre, in Haliburton) this week may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived. Anyone may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Friday during business hours. Last year the food drive collected over 2,000,000 pounds of food. For information call 457-9256.
- **March 17:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Haliburton. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Alzheimer Office Adult Child Group. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335. Adult children, family, and friends of persons with Alzheimer Disease or related dementia are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to share information in a relaxed friendly environment.
- **March 18:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Haliburton. 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Alzheimer Office Caregiver Education Topic: The Brain and Behaviour. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **March 20:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hyland Crest. Caregiver Education Topic: The Brain and Behaviour. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **March 17 to April 21:** Folk Art Classes for Beginner's at Club 35 with Karen Donalson. Mondays 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is required - 489-2241. Call for a list of requirements. Brought to you by the Stanhope Recreation Committee.
- **March 19:** Basic Rescuer Recertification 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For information and registration phone 324-1656
- **March 20:** Haliburton 50+ Club- welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion hall for our last meeting of the season. We will be having a Pot-Luck Supper so please bring your favourite dishes. Our annual election of officers will follow dinner. Please come out to lend your support. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests welcome. If attending, please let Mary or Brian know by Tuesday, march 18th. Call 754-3319.
- **March 21:** Join us at 1:30 p.m. at the Kinmount Recreation Centre (Above the Artisan Market) to hear John Hullbig, Author of Whispering Pines: A Haliburton Heritage and Whispering Pines Two: A Haliburton Heritage in Verse and a third book ready for print. John Hullbig will tell his life story before a live audience. The program is hosted by the Alzheimer Society of Victoria County. Light refreshment will be served.
- **March 26:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists- Join us for a presentation on the Elk Restoration Project at the Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.
- **Free Internet & Computer Lessons.** Call to book your appointment with Adam Jones, our Community Access Program Internet Facilitator. Adam is in most evenings between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. but an appointment is required to guarantee a lesson. Please call 766-9968. Dorset Recreation Centre.

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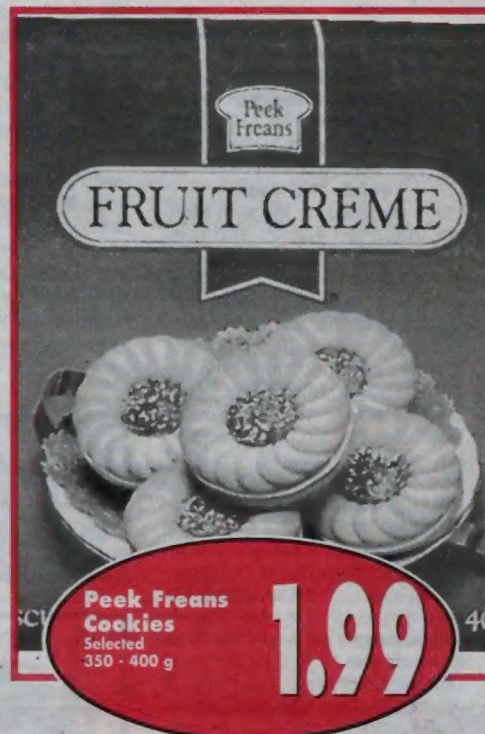
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